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From November 4th, 1980 ABC World News Tonight on Election day 1980 and the one year anniversary of the Iranian Hostage Crisis

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from ABC this is world news tonight with Inger Jennings in London Lance Robinson in New York and from ABC News election headquarters in New York Frank Reynolds good evening November 4th the day to remember on this date in 1979 American citizens became hostages in Iran they are still in captivity and we'll have a complete report on Iran later in this broadcast and of course November 4th 1980 the election of a president a process that is still underway in most of the country however the polls have closed in a couple of states and ABC News is able to make its first projections of the evening according to returns from our key precincts we project that Ronald Reagan will be the winner of Indiana's 13 electoral college votes by a comfortable margin another projected result from Indiana the Lieutenant Governor the Republican candidate Robert or according to our birdie will be elected over John Hillenbrand his Democratic opponent and we have one more projection that we can make at this early hour Kentucky's Democratic senator Wendell Ford will be reelected over mary-louise Faust his Republican opponent all these projections are based on returns from our key precincts in these various states well throughout the day we have talked with many voters after they cast their ballots and it appears that Ronald Reagan is running very well Lynn Sherr has this first report on the ABC News exit polling when Frank our interviewers have now completed more than 5000 interviews with voters throughout the country and the early indications are the turnout is lower than it was in 1976 among Democrats they of course are the voters that President Carter needs of those Democrats who did vote the news is not yet good enough for mr. Carter nationwide he seems to be getting 66% of the Democrats but Reagan seems to be getting 26% and John Anderson's 7% all in all a considerably lower proportion of his own party's vote than mr. Pope Carter got in 1976 the downslide looks

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Carter got in 1976 the downslide looks even greater among independent voters the president appears to be getting only 27% of that vote compared to 57% for governor Reagan and 13% for John Anderson that is a much margin of loss for mr. Carter this year than it was in 76 to mr. Ford in the South a region that mr. Carter must hold in order to leave in order to win this election he seems to be losing at least one-third of his 1976 support and that is most visible when we break down the southern vote according to race black voters who were largely responsible for his 1976 victory are apparently still favoring mr. Carter this year but not in as great numbers and not by such a wide margin but the loss is really evident among white Southerners this year President Carter appears to be trailing governor Reagan almost two to one among white voters in the south in 1976 mr. Carter lost them just narrowly to President Ford one of the biggest voter groups that the president has been courting this year is unions and all indications are that he is winning their vote but again not by the overwhelming margin that he needs but look at the blue-collar vote another Carter must the blue-collar voters seem to be splitting evenly between mr. Carter and governor Reagan a sign that the Republican candidate is making inroads into that traditionally Democratic vote and a sign of trouble for President Carter we also have evidence from our voter poll that the Iran situation is hurting President Carter in this election a rather large number of Reagan voters saying that they cast their votes because of mr. Carter's handling of a hostage situation and finally we're finding out that John Anderson seems to be taking away some of the

Jewish vote for mr. Carter but overall nationally he seems to be hurting both candidates just about equally Frank Thank You Lynn well already the votes are being counted here is our national boat board reflecting the popular vote as you can see the numbers are very low and at this point really quite insignificant but we will

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really quite insignificant but we will be referring to this board frequently through the night to show you the nationwide popular vote totals I don't want to suggest that any one of those numbers is insignificant every vote counts but the totals of course do not are not really indicative of anything at this point however we do have this bit of information that we can pass along to you the Carter campaign chairman Robert Strauss visited Democratic National Headquarters in Washington tonight he said he was not certain what was happening but he said what we hear is very discouraging of course what is really important is the electoral college vote 270 required for victory our ABC News election might map of the United States is color-coded it is mainly white right now it is colored red in Indiana and that's the way it will be throughout the night blue for President Carter read for governor Reagan yellow for John Anderson so at a glance we'll be able to see the geographic distribution of the vote max Oh Frank even though the results of the voting are just beginning to come in our computers have come up with some clues to the outcome from several key precincts and voting blocks we'll take a look at what we call voting Keys what to look for as the results come in and we'll have the latest on the hostages one year after their capture now let's see the candidates all of them should be exhausted probably all of them satisfied that they have done all that could be done we begin with the Carter campaign and White House correspondent Sam Donaldson back home he came to Georgia after an all night long coast-to-coast campaign March to playing for a reunion with his wife with herself campaigned at Julianne to the high school building where he had graduated in 1941 to vote in the end his ability to influence the election no more than that of any other citizen well voted for the one I can totally be the best candidate I'll do with that that was myself what do you think you would do if you lost this election today well I obviously would divide by the American people's judgment without won or lost but I mean your future plans oh well I'm counting on winning next up the train station scene of so

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next up the train station scene of so many happy times from the winning campaign of 1976 this morning a scene of poignant reunion tinged with foreboding many people from planes from America's from wrestling from Preston from sleight County from around this area have gone all over the nation to speak for me to shake hands with people in other states to tell them that you have confidence in me and that I would not disappoint them if I became president I've tried to honor your commitment to those other people in the process I've tried to honor my commitment to you god bless you this evening back here in Washington at the White House the president awaits the returns but his pollster Pat Caddell had already told him going into the election that the numbers did not appear to be there and so although there is a victory celebration scheduled at a downtown hotel most here are prepared to see this day mark not the renewal of Jimmy Carter's presidency but it's ending Sam Donaldson ABC News the White House this is Barry Serafin in the reagan camp the Election Day mood was one of confidence Reagan appeared casual and relaxed as he and his wife Nancy went to vote at a polling place set up at a private home near theirs and Pacific Palisades however he continued to be careful when reporters asked how he saw his prospects you know me I'm too superstitious to answer anything like that inside the cautiously optimistic Reagan joke with his wife about how to vote and he dutifully pulls for photographers with reporters and camera crews trailing along Reagan then want to get a haircut afterward he still was not ready to make any predictions how do you feel about the election I'm just not gonna comment I'm gonna wait and see what happens your optimism grows now President Dewey told me to just play it well yes this evening the Reagan's will dime privately with friends then

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will dime privately with friends then come to the sensory Plaza Hotel to wait for the election results at some point tonight Reagan will come to this ballroom where members of the press and his supporters will be gathered despite the candidates earlier public caution there is little nervousness apparent among his top aides they seem to have very little doubt that when Ronald Reagan comes here he will be making a victory statement Barry Serafin ABC News Los Angeles this is Ann Compton it's over he knows he won't win but John Anderson is a happy man this morning as he went to the polls in his hometown Rockford Illinois Anderson was satisfied his independent campaign has given voters an alternative eight years ago Anderson himself refused to vote in the Nixon McGovern contest but today he hopes the vote will show the nation is ready to accept a challenge to the traditional parties one of the reasons why I am running and a very important reason is that I thought it was important to give people that alternative choice so that we would not have millions of people who simply with either leave the top of the ballot blank or or not vote through the campaign Anderson says he has been sustained by the outpouring of support from crowds that match the size and the energy of the major party candidates his standing in the polls has been cut in half at the same time his own spirits have soared how much have I enjoyed all of this this will be an early evening for Anderson as soon as he sees how Massachusetts and Connecticut and most of the Northeast are going he'll know how ready the American people were to break from tradition and what kind of future his independent movement has and Compton ABC News Washington three other national candidates received somewhat less attention as they voted today John Anderson's running mate Patrick Lucey cast his ballot in Madison Wisconsin then headed for Washington where he and Anderson will wait out the

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where he and Anderson will wait out the returns Vice President Walter Mondale and his wife Joan voted early this morning at the village hall in Afton Minnesota they arrived at 7:30 and waited in line before casting their ballots afterwards they went to have breakfast with their children declining to talk about today's outcome however vice presidential candidate George Bush who voted in Houston predicted that if the country goes the way of that district in his words we're in like a burglar afterward Bush watched the game of touch football between his staff and press entourage and toss the ball around a bit him son for almost everyone concerned it is in somewhere or other a bitter anniversary last November 4th when we reported the news from overseas no one could have imagined it would go on for so long when demonstrators scaled the embassy walls a year ago many insisted they only wanted to hold a demonstration well today it wasn't over the walls but through the front gate for thousands of Iranians many of them young who would gather to celebrate this McCobb mullet in Iranian American history with more here in London ABC's Bob duck there were no votes for mr. Carter here in Tehran he is still the great satanic poll the rally the first actually held inside the embassy compound since last year's takeover was organized by the militants it may have been there parking shock now that they have promised to surrender the hostages to the Iranian government for the time being the government is letting the militants retain custody of the Americans although Prime Minister Raja gave a speech saying we will take the hostages from the brothers and sisters resident in this nest of spies Raja is planning to form a government delegation which will eventually take charge of the hostages reports say at least a hundred thousand people showed up for today's so-called open house at the Embassy though only an

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open house at the Embassy though only an estimated 20,000 were let in there was a military parade a family atmosphere said one report there was no sign of the hostages but none of the demonstrators was allowed inside the Embassy's buildings the militants did not reveal how the hostages spent this day the first anniversary of the beginning of their ordeal meanwhile the Iranian Foreign Ministry is asking the Tartar administration for what it calls a speedy public response to the poor conditions Parliament agreed to last Sunday for releasing the Americans the response said the foreign ministry should be through the media although diplomatic channels are open between Washington and Tehran bob hite ABC News did this is Barrie Dunsmore making the State Department strongly suggested today that it would be some time before the u.s. offered its formal response to Iran's conditions for the release of the hostages we will move forward

expeditiously but we will do it deliberately and with care giving the Iranian proposals the the reflection in the study that they merit actually what's happening is that the u.s. is seeking clarifications of many points in the Iranian Parliament's conditions the official text of those demands was made public here today it differs very little from the text released on Sunday which is disappointing and part of the problem when the algerian ambassador to Washington delivered the demands yesterday it was hoped that he would also have either a covering letter or some sense from the Iranian government of how it felt the conditions should be implemented he didn't which means many questions remain meanwhile President Carter in planes today expressed satisfaction with how things were proceeding but stressed that when the US did respond which it would not a capitulation but what we of will propose will be to uphold our nation's honor

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will be to uphold our nation's honor integrity it'll be made public at the proper time and I think the American people will be pleased well the u.s. says it does not plan to negotiate in public there certainly seems to be a message for Iran in those words namely that the US wants its hostages but not at any price Barry Dunsmore ABC News the State Department in the war between Iran and Iraq the Iraqi president has offered to withdraw his troops from Iran if Iran recognizes Iraq s-- rights as one during the six week long war that's unlikely to happen just now and on the battlefield both sides of today made their usual claims Iraq does appear to have increased pressure on the provincial Iranian capital of awaaz the Iraq claims to have encircled awaaz and captured all the roads in the region Iraq also says it is annihilated an Iranian Brigade that tried to break out of Abaddonn but there is no independent confirmation ABC News is now able to make another projection this one too involves a state of Indiana a veteran senator in Washington for 18 years Birch Bayh is going to be defeated according to our returns from key precincts by congressman Dan Quayle the Republican quail the apparent victor over senator Birch Bayh of Indiana with 56% to 44% well as you see the vote totals grow tonight in various states go for one candidate or the other there will be certain signposts along the way that might point toward the eventual result here's a report on that from Santa von ocher there should be certain clues provided in the evening as the returns from today's voting start to come in in Florida look for the vote in the miami-dade County area Carter carried the county against Ford by more than 90 thousand votes the Jewish vote here is crucial if Carter's not winning two-thirds or even three-quarters of that vote it may signal a fall-off among Jewish voters elsewhere in states like New York

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elsewhere in states like New York Pennsylvania and Illinois in Connecticut look to suburban Fairfield County for some early indication of the potential size of the Anderson vote and Carter's ability to offset it Connecticut may also provide some clues as to how Catholic blue-collar workers are voting the state has the third largest percentage of Catholic voters in the country and that blue-collar vote is crucial in a battleground state like Ohio which Carter won in 1976 by only 11 thousand votes look to key precincts in the Cleveland Cuyahoga County area for an early indication of how well Carter is doing this time with blue-collar whites and blacks in Pennsylvania another battleground the same will be true when the returns start coming in from Philadelphia Carter carried the state in 1976 thanks to a 255,000 vote plurality in Philadelphia he needs to come close to that this time as these results come in in the eastern part of the United States and then into Ohio and if President Carter does not pile up these pluralities that he needs in the major cities in those areas then what you may be witnessing is his historical end of a political era the end of an era began by Franklin D Roosevelt 1932 when he welded into an overwhelming coalition minority groups like Jews blacks white ethnic blue-collar workers and if this does not break for mr. Carter then you will see I think a historical shift that began with the candidacy of George Wallace in 1964 68 and has been going on all through the 1970s it is too early to say if it will manifest itself but if it does you are going to see something that will mark a change and a radical change in the pattern of American politics max thank you sander Americans today are choosing not only their next president but all of the members of the House and a third of the Senate I'll be keeping an eye on the 13 governor's races as well as important local legislative contests 10 of the 13 governorships up for grabs are now held by Democrats the Republicans predict they'll pick up at least two of these and as Brit Hume reports the Republicans have similar hopes for the Congress the

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have similar hopes for the Congress the Republicans expect to gain seats in both the House and Senate tonight but not enough to get control of either in the house where the lineup has been 276 Democratic seats 159 Republican a GOP gain of as many as 25 seats and ambitious estimate would still leave the Democrats in charge in the Senate there are 59 Democrats 41 Republicans but more Democrats in re-election trouble than Republicans still everything would have to go the gops way to give them a net gain of 10 and control of the Senate among the noted Senate Democrats on the endangered list are McGovern of South Dakota buy of Indiana heart of Colorado church of Idaho Culver of Iowa and Nelson of Wisconsin veteran Republican Jacob Javits defeated in his primary and trailing badly as the Liberal Party nominee in New York probably won't be back in the Senate although alfonse d'amato the man who beat him stands a good chance of keeping that seat Republican in the House Majority Leader Jim Wright has had a tough race to hold on to his Texas seat against the heavily financed challenge of former Fort Worth City Councilman Jim Bradshaw Wright is favored in Indiana House Majority Whip John Brahmas is in deep trouble with an expected Reagan landslide in that state and a competent Republican opponent in 27 year-old businessman John hilar four other Democratic House leaders Interiors Committee Chairman Udall of Arizona Agriculture Chairman Foley of Washington Ways and Means chairman Ullman of Oregon and senior Ways and Means member Korman of California are also in tough races and finally there is considerable interest tonight in the five races involving House Democrats either charged with or convicted of bribery in the FBI's Abscam operation Britt Hume ABC News on Capitol Hill hard to believe but the campaign is finally over and it's the results we'll be talking about from now on if we're left with something of a bitter aftertaste because of all the

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bitter aftertaste because of all the harsh words that have been bandied about thinking that in the good old days it was better well James Wooten is about to disabuse us of that weird notion against it's over it's really nothing new all this harangue and harumph in American politics fact is it's been the rule not the exception for more than 200 years consider this view of George Washington treacherous and private friendship a hypocrite and public life that was Thomas Paine on the father of our country Benjamin Harrison a cold blooded narrow-minded Tim and old psalm singing Indianapolis politician that's what Theodore Roosevelt said and Roosevelt himself was known as old four-eyes in telescope Teddy but not to his face of course and there was silent Cal Coolidge weaned on a pickle said Teddy Roosevelt's daughter and FDR simply doesn't measure up to the demands of the office walter Lippmann wrote lightbulb Lyndon they called him landslide Lyndon they jeered a rube a bore a boob a bumpkin and what about high tax Harry to err is Truman the Republicans all chatted in 1948 and Nixon that man is not fit to be President now who said that Henry Kissinger even mr. Lincoln here wasn't immune to millions he was the Illinois baboon the tyrant the buffoon said one of his opponents he is enormous Lee ugly a face and spirit so no matter how contentious and contrary these fellows Reagan and Carter have been they didn't invent the nasty campaign it's been a part of this country's politics since long before either one of them was born and somehow the country and its politics have always survived James wooden ABC news/washington thank you Jim well we'll be back just a few minutes from now to begin ABC News continuous coverage of the 80 vote our

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continuous coverage of the 80 vote our election night broadcast starts at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time almost now we know you're ready for this fateful evening and we hope we are we also hope that you'll join us that's our report for now on world news tonight for ABC News goodnight for now

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